

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A Notice of Allowance has been issued in this case subject to compliance with the Examiner's requirement that corrected drawings be submitted. The original drawings were poorly-scanned digital photographs. The applicant submits herewith replacement sheets containing line drawings made in compliance with USPTO requirements. Care has been taken to avoid addition of new matter while faithfully reproducing the original figures. Since the corrected drawings contain only changes in drawing style without substantive corrections, no annotated sheet showing changes has been included. The replacement sheets are attached as an appendix to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Weir". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being more prominent.

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